

GREAT NEWS II: Changes

ROMANS 6 (P. 785)

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Message 5

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REVIEW:

- Paul is sold out to sharing the gospel and calling people to the obedience it prompts.
- Only the righteous avoid God's wrath (and no one is).
- Righteousness is given to those with faith.
- We stand in grace and confidently hope for eternal life.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN? HOW FAR CAN I GO? // IF YOU KNEW YOU'D BE FORGIVEN WITHOUT PENALTY,
WHAT WOULD YOU DO? // PAUL'S CONCERNED PANDORA'S BOX // ROMANS 1:5

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DON'T BLOW PAST V. 1 • CHRISTIANS TODAY _____ BECAUSE OF GOD'S GRACE.
* YOU CAN'T SIN BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN CHANGED! *

CHANGE 1: THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED
ARE **dead** TO SIN AND **alive** TO GOD.

PAUL GIVES BAPTISM A TOTALLY NEW SIGNIFICANCE • THIS IS WHY WE DUNK PEOPLE
MORE THAN A SYMBOL: YOUR "OLD SELF" IS REALLY DEAD. •• GOD CHANGED WHO YOU ARE

CHANGE 2: YOU LIVE A **resurrected** LIFE.

MINDSET / COUNT YOURSELF -- FREEDOM FROM SIN AT WHEATON
BEHAVIOR -- DO NOT LET SIN REIGN // DON'T LET IT HANG OUT, DON'T LET IT TAKE CHARGE
ILL: DIFFICULT? HOW WOULD YOU TREAT THE PERSON WHO SAVED YOUR LIFE?

God changed who you **are**.
You change how you **live**.

CHANGE 3: THOSE WHO OBEY ARE GOD'S **slaves**.

15-16 • WE DON'T LIKE SLAVERY / BUT WE CAN'T AVOID IT
17-18 • THEIR HEARTS WERE CAPTURED (AND GOD GETS THE CREDIT!)

CHANGE 4: **Offer** YOURSELF AS A **slave**.

DIFFICULT? CONSIDER THE BENEFITS! // GOD CHANGED WHO YOU ARE...

Take it Home

Paul expects three things to be true of all Christians:

- They have been **baptized**.
- They have made a commitment of **obedience**.
- They join who they **are** to how they **live**.

[[MT 28:19-20]] // IF THEY AREN'T TRUE FOR YOU, ROMANS 6 DOESN'T APPLY, BUT IF SO, IT DOES.
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